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Staying the course

Kenny Miller moves up to vice presidency at Monarch Cement

By BOB JOHNSON
The Iola Register

HUMBOLDT — Opportunity seldom knocks twice.

When one arose, Kenny Miller took advantage 42 years ago and today is vice president of cement manufacturing for Monarch Cement Co. He replaced Harvey Buckley, who retired March 31.

Opportunity for Miller came at the end of a summer of temporary work at Monarch. He had graduated from Humboldt High School in 1970 and was attending Allen County Community College.

"At the end of the summer Leonard Hass (his supervisor) asked if I'd like to work another six months," Miller said.

Monarch, as it has over the years, was taking advantage of new technology to make modifications on a preheater, a towering structure that preheats raw material being fed into a kiln.

"I thought it was a good chance to earn some extra money for school," Miller said, although his father, Kenneth Miller, a Monarch supervisor, wasn't as enthu-

siastic.

"He was afraid I wouldn't go back to school," Miller said.

Miller later earned a bachelor's degree through Friends University.

He has had a long, steady climb at Monarch. The progression began with him being a utility laborer. Within a year Miller was operating an overhead crane, moved on to shipping and then spent 22 years in maintenance, including five years as the department's supervisor. He was promoted to assistant plant manager in 2005, plant manager in 2012, and now to the vice presidency.

As plant manager Miller was responsible for day-to-day operations throughout the plant.

"I coordinated everything, from quarry to production," he said.

In his new position, his duties include dealing with contracts and major purchases, and "going beyond day-to-day operations," Miller said. "I look into the future, 10 to 15 years, to where Monarch is headed."

His rise through ranks
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When she falls in a diabetic funk, Shelby (Elyssa Jackson) is given a swig of fruit juice by her mother, M'Lynn (Amanda Moyer) in ICT's dessert theater production of "Steel Magnolias." Looking on are Truvy (Angela Whitmore) at left and Clairee Belcher (Linda Brocker). REGISTER/BOB JOHNSON

Delicate as magnolias, yet as strong as steel

By BOB JOHNSON
The Iola Register

Friendships can spring up in any environment.

In Iola Community Theatre's upcoming presentation they occur in a beauty salon in a small Louisiana town, bonding six women who at times are as fragile as a magnolia, yet as strong and resilient as steel — "Steel Magnolias."

It will be staged Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and again May 3 and 4 at the Warehouse Theatre, 203 S. Jefferson. Tickets — \$15 for adults and \$10 for students — are available at Sophisticated Rose in downtown Iola.

The central theme revolves around a young woman, Shelby, and is carried out in humor, foreboding and poignancy.

Elyssa Jackson plays Shel-

by.

She is comfortable on stage and carries out well a range of emotions, from pre-nuptial giddiness, to excitement when the pregnancy is positive, to resolve when confronted by problems arising from birth with her being a diabetic.

Truvy Jones, portrayed by Angela Whitmore, owns the beauty shop. She is chatty yet

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Jordan Garcia, left, and Jordan Fountain try to avoid a situation when characters think they are someone else. REGISTER/KAYLA BANZET

ACC provides constant laughs

By KAYLA BANZET
The Iola Register

Prepare to laugh loud and laugh often during Allen Community College's performance of William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors."

The show opens tonight at 7:30 and will run on Friday and Saturday at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center.

The story begins with Egeon of Syracuse, played by director Tony Piazza, telling the

story of his family. He and his wife had two sets of identical twin sons. They both had the name Antipholus. The couple also raised twin boys called Dromio and they acted as servants to the two Antipholuses. The family split up after a ship wreck many years earlier. One son and one Dromio are raised by Emilia. When Antipholus of Syracuse and his Dromio land in Ephesus confusion begins to pop up.

The confusion of two identical sets of twins being in

the same town lends to some great humor. Jordan Fountain, Dromio of Syracuse, and Gage Dickerson, Dromio of Ephesus, do wonderfully well in using facial expression and body movement to roll in a joke. Both characters become confused during every scene because they don't realize they are speaking with two different Antipholuses.

Adriana, wife of Antipholus of Ephesus, played by Dan-

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New program opens doors for students

By KAYLA BANZET
The Iola Register

MORAN — Marmaton Valley students who enjoy hands-on learning are in for a treat. The National Center for Construction Education and Research, NCCER, has approved Marmaton Valley High School as a certified

task throughout the semester.

"Any company has access to the student's certificate," Jackson said. "It's supposed to help get them on a better pay scale."

Construction companies, association and academic leaders came together in 1996 to change training for the construction industry to

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— Samuel Jackson, MVHS construction teacher

high school.

Samuel Jackson, MVHS construction teacher, said 30 students participate in the program.

"This is a great program for students," Jackson said. "It allows them to work with their hands and even if they don't major in it or go into the field they take away the skills."

Students learn criteria from NCCER and are tested on the material. They must receive a 70 percent on the test and do a performance

develop a safe and productive workforce.

The first thing students learn is safety, including how to properly use tools, read blueprints and use effective communication. This course counts as 18 credits at Fort Scott Community College if a student follows the program from high school into the two-year college. The class starts at the freshman level. If a senior comes in they must start at the first level. Senior Michael Swift

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Quote of
the day

"Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway."
— John Wayne, actor



Hi: 65 Lo: 43

Man lost in WWII finally laid to rest

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — A Topeka man whose plane went down during World War II has finally been laid to rest in his native state. Hundreds of people lined the streets Wednesday in Leavenworth to honor 2nd Lt. Verne L. Gibb. He was a pilot in World War II when his cargo plane was lost on a flight between Burma and India, likely because of bad weather. Five other people on the plane

also were lost. Despite several searches, the crash site was never found and the six men were declared dead. Gibb's remains were later found and were positively identified in October 2013. The Leavenworth Times reported several of Gibb's family members attended Wednesday's service, including his daughter. None of them was available for comment after the service.

Camp Hope finds temporary home

By KRISTEN RODERICK
Hutchinson News

Camp Hope has found a place to call home this summer. The camp designed for children affected by cancer will take place at Barton Community College in Great Bend. The camp was forced to find a new location after a fire closed Camp Aldrich through the fall. Camp Aldrich is owned by Barton Community College, and the day of the fire, Camp Hope officials said they

planned to continue their partnership with the college. The cause of the April 12 fire is still under investigation, but insurance investigators and structural engineers determined the camp is unsafe for the public. It does not have power, water or utilities in some areas. Camp Hope has used the site for more than 30 years. The American Cancer Society supported the camp for more than 30 years, but decided af-

ter last year to redirect its funding elsewhere. The Camp Hope Committee has raised funds to provide a camp for the children, with Kans For Kids as a sponsor. Camp Hope officials are happy they have found a place for the children to have a place to go this summer. "We would like to thank Mark Dean, Jim Ireland and BCC for their support and in helping make this transition easy," Camp Hope officials said in a release. "They have helped

ensure our campers will have another amazing camp experience. The committee would also like to thank the Barton County community for their generosity once again. This area is our camp home and we are excited that Camp Hope will be there again this year." Kwik Shop will have its annual fundraiser for Camp Hope on Friday through May 22. Then, on May 3, there is a day of fundraising at the Great Bend Kwik Shop on Main Street.

Steel: Women deliver strong acting

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has no compunction not to be pragmatic. To wit: When Shelby mentions she has crow's feet starting to appear on her eye's edge, Truvy replies, "Time marches on and right across your face." Amanda Moyer as M'Lynn, Shelby's mother, displays a wide range of emotions. She is stoic through much of the play, but falls into a wistful mood when discussing problems that may occur with diabetes and pregnancy and in conclusion cries real tears. Tara Lind is the comely member of the beauty shop circle, and faces some reluctance to fitting in, first through shyness and then when her religion becomes a little too dominant for the others. Jaime Westervelt isn't on stage as much as the others, as Oiser Boudreaux, who has been in a bad mood for decades. That's a pity, her arrogance delights — and in the end she's just as emotional as the others. Finally, there is Linda Brocker as Clairee, well to do and older, who occasionally surprises with her observations and that she's never nonplused. Maybe having taught in elementary school for years prepared her for just this role.

THE PLAY is filled with commentary that's humorous, cutting and sometimes distressing. Early on Shelby argues that her wedding colors are "blush and bashful not pink," though she eventually admits they're "pink and darker pink." "It's no sin not being able to have children,"

her mother interjects while encouraging adoption. When the pregnancy is announced, Shelby is distraught that her mother doesn't express happiness. "Complications are a part of life," she says. "I wish you would be happy for me." When her family life

crops up, Shelby's mother observes: "I'm lucky to have what I have, or (is it) I'm lucky to know what I have." After Shelby suffers kidney failure and her mother announces she will donate a kidney: "Most mothers get to give life to their children once. I get to do it twice."



Michael Swift, left, works in the Marmaton Valley High School woodworking shop with instructor Samuel Jackson. REGISTER/KAYLA BANZET

Program: Hands-on

Continued from A1 had taken a similar class as a freshman with a different teacher. "I thought I would give it a shot again," Swift said. "Mr. Jackson takes it very seriously. It is making me a better woodsman and I get something out of it." Woodworking is some-

thing that's always captured sophomore Keagan Boyd's interest. "I didn't know much about woodworking and so far I've learned a lot," Boyd said. This year Jackson is teaching two classes but plans to add another next year and one more the year after.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



by Chris Browne

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

3	7	8	5					
	1			8				
2						1		
	9	2	4	3				
	7			2				
	8	9	6	1				
5							4	
	6			5				
9	1	2	6					

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/24

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	5	7	3	6	2	9	8
2	8	3	4	1	9	6	5	7
9	7	6	2	5	8	3	1	4
7	6	9	1	2	4	5	8	3
8	3	4	9	7	5	1	6	2
1	5	2	8	6	3	7	4	9
3	9	7	6	4	1	8	2	5
6	2	8	5	9	7	4	3	1
5	4	1	3	8	2	9	7	6

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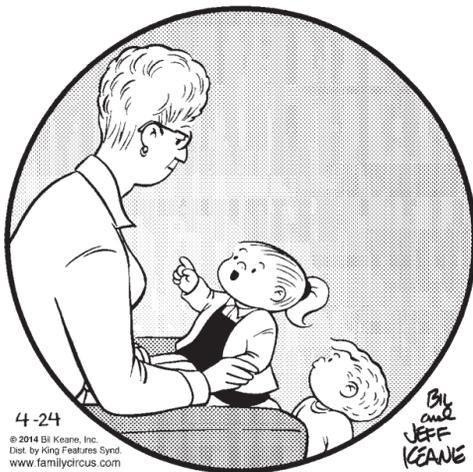
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Grandma, did I ever tell you what my very favorite kind of cookie is?"

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - Here's how to work it:

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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-24 CRYPTOQUOTE
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V H X F X K P : A Z J H X F E , U H I L X F E ,
R X Y O Z X A X F E , J K C M T Y J K X F E .

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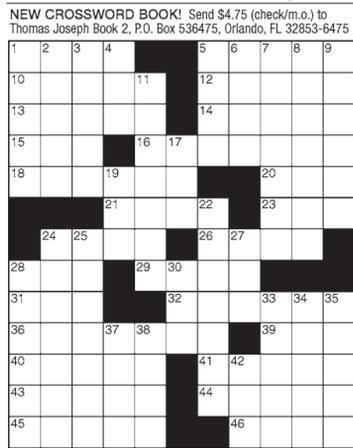
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Librarian's stamp
 - 46 Bears' lairs
 - 5 Big party
 - 10 Massenet opera
 - 12 Aerie builder
 - 13 Thumper's pal
 - 14 Grove sight
 - 15 Pharaoh's symbol
 - 16 Tracy/Hepburn film
 - 18 Service for a social
 - 20 Clumsy fellow
 - 21 Great serves
 - 23 Zeus or Apollo
 - 24 Capital of Italia
 - 26 Heaps
 - 28 Gloss target
 - 29 Hold power
 - 31 "— had it!"
 - 32 Romantic time of day
 - 36 Way of thinking
 - 39 Hole number
 - 40 Invigorate
 - 41 Select group
 - 43 "Three Sisters" sister
 - 44 Begets
- DOWN**
- 1 Ready to swing
 - 2 Pursue
 - 3 Lightning home
 - 4 Bro or sis
 - 5 Wagers
 - 6 Escapade
 - 7 Long in the past
 - 8 Think about overnight
 - 9 Checked out
 - 11 Brandy cocktail
 - 17 Summer, in Paris
 - 19 Texas' Houston
 - 22 Greetings, in a way
 - 24 European resort area
 - 25 Kind of mining
 - 27 Kayo count
 - 28 Completely clear
 - 30 Apply
 - 33 Church feature
 - 34 Consumed
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